

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original):      A method for the treatment of atherosclerosis in a patient in need of such treatment which comprises administering an effective amount of a bisphosphonate to the patient wherein the bisphosphonate is zoledronic acid or pamidronate.

Claims 2-8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (currently amended):      A method according to claim 1 in which the bisphosphonate is administered locally.

Claims 10-17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (previously presented):      A method according to claim 17, in which the bisphosphonate is zoledronic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or any hydrate thereof.